



1                                   **TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
2                                   **NORTH HAMPTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

3                                   **APRIL 7, 2021     5:00 PM**

4                                   **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

5                                   ***DRAFT MINUTES***  
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7   EDC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman pro tempore Richard Luff, Jeff Hillier, Jonathan Pinette

8   VIA ZOOM: Planning Board Rep Phil Wilson, Heritage Commission Rep Nancy Monaghan, Business  
9   Association Rep Renee Locke, David Cicalone, Leszek Stachow

10   ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully  
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12                                   **AGENDA**

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14   Chairman pro tempore Richard Luff welcomed everyone to the North Hampton Economic Development  
15   Committee Meeting of March 7, 2021 and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm followed by the Pledge  
16   of Allegiance.  
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18   **NEW BUSINESS**

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20   **Election of Officers and EDC Vacancies**  
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22   Chairman pro tem Luff stated that a number of vacancies were coming up with Glenn Martin and Gary  
23   Stevens leaving the EDC Committee, Jonathan Pinette moving from Citizen Member to Select Board  
24   Representative, Renee Locke will no longer be the Business Assoc Rep, and said he will also be stepping  
25   down as well.  
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27   After several nominations and discussion, there were no volunteers from Committee members. Town  
28   Administrator Tully said normally openings are advertised and appointed by the Select Board and asked  
29   that Mr. Luff continue to run this meeting with Vice-Chair Wilson in charge of making the agenda for the  
30   next meeting, the first order of business being election of officers. He said he hoped to have names of  
31   new members to be appointed by the April 26<sup>th</sup> Select Board Meeting.  
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33   **Discussion of Empty Storefronts**

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34 Chairman pro tem Luff said considering these developments, he would defer to the Committee discussion  
35 regarding empty storefronts. Mr. Hillier said this is an important transition period for the EDC and they  
36 could discuss this topic now or wait for other members. Selectman Pinette agreed they should probably  
37 wait for the other members.

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39 Ms. Monaghan said she again reached out to the professor at UNH who runs the graduate intern program  
40 for further discussions. Mr. Stachow suggested the Committee acquire a repository to locate all  
41 information from those who investigated the topic in one place. Chairman pro tem Luff asked if the  
42 repository could put be put on the website and Town Administrator Tully said there is room on the website  
43 to share documents. Mr. Luff said he would be happy to collect the information from members over the  
44 next few weeks and work with Town Administrator Tully on the links.

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46 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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48 **Motion:** To approve the EDC Meeting Minutes of September 29, October 7, and November 4, 2020; and  
49 approve the Meeting Minutes of February 3, February 9, and February 24, 2021, as written.

50 **Motioned:** Jonathan Pinette

51 **Seconded:** Phil Wilson

52 **Roll Call Vote:** Jeff Hillier-aye, Jonathan Pinette-aye, Phil Wilson-aye, Nancy Monahan-aye, David  
53 Cicalone-aye, Renee Locke-aye, Leszek Stachow-abstain, Richard Luff-aye

54 *Motion approved by a vote of 7-0, with 1 abstention*

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56 **ANY OTHER ITEM THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE – PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

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58 Selectman Pinette thanked Richard Luff for chairing the EDC Committee and said he did a great job. Mr.  
59 Luff said he enjoyed working with everyone and said he appreciated everyone’s efforts and contributions  
60 towards EDC over the past 2 years. Ms. Monaghan thanked Mr. Luff for his great leadership and thanked  
61 all others on the Committee. Mr. Hillier said he does not envy the Select Board in trying to replace 4 key  
62 people on this Committee, particularly as they move on to the next step.

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64 Mr. Wilson said he was no longer the representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) but  
65 at the last meeting they reviewed the most recent version of TIP (Transportation Improvement Program)  
66 for the next 10 years and long range. He said the project for North Hampton was to improve the  
67 intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Lafayette Road, and DOT commented that they are concerned about  
68 the narrowness of the right of way and anticipated having to acquire land by eminent domain, something  
69 EDC should be aware of. He said the Select Board conversation with DOT about improving Route 1 should  
70 be done sooner rather than later.

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72 **Next Meeting:** May 5, 2021

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74 **ADJOURNMENT**

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76 Mr. Pinette made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Hillier. All were in favor and the  
77 meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

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79 Respectfully submitted,

80 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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